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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/932,071

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Leo B. Tentoni

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 December 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The objection to the abstract, the objection to the disclosure and the rejection of claim 3 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph set forth in the previous Office Action (mailed on 27 August 2003) are withdrawn.
2. The new title has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 4: line 2, ``formed by:" should be - - consisting of - - (for proper Markush format); line 5, the numbers (after ``C'') should be listed as subscripts.

In claim 5, line 3, ``formed by:" should be - - consisting of - - (for proper Markush format).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-3 are allowable over the prior art references presently of record.
6. Claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth

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in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed on 03 December 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant states (page 9) that claim 11 is a linking claim, claims the product of the process of claim 1 and the restriction requirement should be withdrawn. Examiner responds that claim 11 was an originally-filed claim and is not a linking claim. If applicant is instead referring to newly-added claim 13, this claim is a product-by-process claim that belongs with Group II (claims 6-12). Claim 13 is not a linking claim and the restriction requirement will not be withdrawn (note that applicant elected for prosecution Group I, claims 1-5 without traverse; see the response submitted on 30 May 2003, the interview summary record and the previous Office action mailed on 27 August 2003).

With respect to claims 4 and 5, applicant argues (pages 9 and 10) that although "formed by" is not the conventional Markush language, those skilled in the art would understand the claims (so the claims are not indefinite under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph) and applicant requests that the examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph and provide a proper object so that applicant can amend the claims without raising issues of patentability. Examiner responds that claims 4 and 5 are indefinite under 35 USC § 112, second

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paragraph because the group members are not recited in either the conventional manner (Markush format), or alternatively (MPEP 2173.05(h)). Therefore, rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph is proper and this rejection will not be withdrawn unless claims 4 and 5 are amended to overcome this rejection.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leo B. Tentoni whose telephone number is (571) 272-1209. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (6:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael P. Colaianni can be reached on (571) 272-1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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